

BINDER TWINE and FARMERS' INTERESTS.

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To the Editor of The Sun.

The *Sun* of the 20th of January contained a letter from C. A. Mallory, in which denunciation of "monopoly" takes the place of a fair statement of the case of the cordage and binder twine industry, and angry criticism of public men, who do not agree with Mr. Mallory, is substituted for argument. **They are very few who now hold that it is a good thing for a country to have all its eggs in one basket. Farmers do not find a market for their produce among farmers, any more than shoemakers expect to sell their goods to shoemakers.** It is the townspeople who consume what the farmer has to sell. The most prosperous agricultural districts are not those farthest away from, but those nearest to, large commercial and manufacturing centers. Not only does the town or city give a cash market for the grain and other bulky produce, but for eggs and butter and milk and poultry, and everything that is profitably produced upon the farm, fruit and vegetables, etc. It is in this way that the farmer is directly and largely concerned in the growth and prosperity